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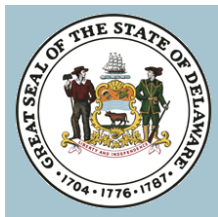
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EPCRA Reporting Program.....(302) 739-9405
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Emergency Release Reporting

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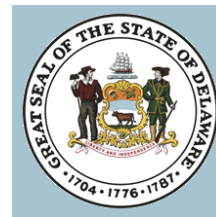
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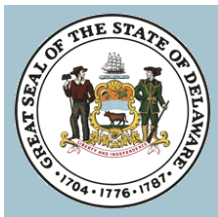
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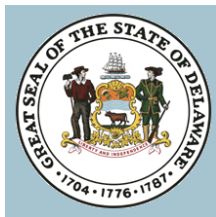
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